

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

February 29, 2000

**FROM: THOMAS R. LAURIN, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**SUBJECT: 2000-2005 HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
NEEDS IDENTIFICATION REPORT AND 2000-2001 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing to review the proposed 2000–2005 Housing, Community and Economic Development Needs Identification Report and the 2000–2001 Citizen Participation Plan and obtain citizen comments; and,
- 2) Approve the proposed Citizen Participation Plan for the 2000–2001 County Consolidated Plan

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Each year since 1975, the County of San Bernardino has qualified to receive federal housing and community development grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. In 1999, the County qualified to receive these funds over a three-year period from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) programs. To receive these grants, the County must submit a five-year strategy for meeting its housing and community development priority needs. This strategy is referred to as the Consolidated Plan.

The County adopted its initial five-year Consolidated Plan in 1995. That Plan covered fiscal years 1995-1996 through 1999-2000. The County now must prepare a new five-year Consolidated Plan for the FY 2000-2001 through 2004-2005 period. As part of preparing the first year of the new five-year Consolidated Plan, the County has gathered information on the community, housing and economic development needs in the localities covered by the County's CDBG, ESG and Home programs. The Consolidated Plan application process requires that the County hold two public hearings to either develop a five-year plan for these programs or update an existing plan on an annual basis in order to reflect changing priorities and needs. This is the first of the two hearings. A second hearing on April 4, 2000 will review the 2000-2001 Action Plan portion of the Consolidated Plan for programming the use of CDBG, ESG and Home funds.

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The first recommended action will assist in forming the foundation for the use of HUD grant resources during the five-year period, by conducting a public hearing to review the proposed **2000–2005 Housing, Community and Economic Development Needs Identification Report**. The second recommended action will assist in the preparation of the 2000–2001 Consolidated Plan by conducting a public hearing to review the proposed **2000–2001 Citizen Participation Plan**. These documents will be used to prepare the County's 2000–2001 Consolidated Plan for submission to HUD.

The **Needs Identification Report** was developed from information gathered at twenty (20) Needs Identification Forums held in cooperating cities and unincorporated communities throughout the County during the Fall of 1999, from information received from County departments, cities, and non-profit agencies, and from surveys received from agencies, citizens and adjoining jurisdictions. Additional needs information has come from the project proposals received since October 1999, for the County's 2000-2001 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The **Citizen Participation Plan** identifies the County's goals and objectives for encouraging citizen participation in the development of the Consolidated Plan application process. At the conclusion of the public hearing, staff recommends approval of the Citizen Participation Plan for inclusion in the County's FY 2000–2001 Consolidated Plan.

On January 25, 2000, the Board of Supervisors approved the scheduling of this public hearing and the publishing of the notice of hearing. The notice was published on or before February 14, 2000. The notice provides a thirty (30) day citizen comment period from February 15, 2000 to March 15, 2000. Draft copies of the Needs Identification Report and Citizen Participation Plan have been made available at ECD for public review. Also copies are available at the Board Chambers during the morning of this public hearing for distribution to interested members of the public.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Deputy County Counsel Michelle D. Blakemore has reviewed The Needs Identification Report and Citizen Participation Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Review and approval of the proposed Needs Identification Report and Citizen Participation Plan involve ESG, HOME, and CDBG funds only. This action has no effect on the County General Fund.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Thomas R. Laurin, Director, 388-0808.